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1. GOVERNMENT OF IRAN (GOI) INITIAL REACTION TO PASSAGE OF LEGIS-

LATION OUTLINED REFTTEL (A) PROBABLY WOULD BE LIMITED TO EXPRESS-
IONS OF CONCERN AND REGRET THAT USG TAKING UNILATERAL ACTIONS ON
MATTERS UNDER INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION. IRANIAN COMMERCIAL
FISHING INDUSTRY SMALL BUT GROWING, AND GOI WILL SURELY RESENT
EFFORTS BY USG TO LIMIT FISHING ACTIVITY WITHIN 200 MILE FISHERIES
ZONE WHICH WOULD BE COPIED BY OTHER COUNTRIES JOINING IN TREND.
GOI INTEREST IN SEABED RESOURCE EXPLOITATION OUTSIDE PERSIAN GULF
AREA LIMITED, BUT UNDOUBTEDLY USG UNILATERAL ACTION WILL BE LOOKED
ON UNFAVORABLY.

2. POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT IF CHAIN REACTION OF SIMILAR
UNILATERAL CLAIMS BY OTHER NATIONS BEGINS, GOI MAY BE PROMPTED
MOVE UNILATERALLY ON ISSUES OF KEY IMPORTANCE TO IRAN, E.G., CON-
TROL OF MARINE POLLUTION IN THE PERSIAN GULF. SUCH A RESPONSE
WOULD DEPEND TO LARGE EXTEND ON NATURE AND SCOPE OF REACTION OF
WORLD COMMUNITY TO UNILATERAL MOVES BY USG.
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